

TAMIU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

March 06, 2018

10 AM STC 230

Attendance: Cihtlalli Perez, Vanessa Almaraz, Janet Haverkamp, Veronica Juarez, Michelle Daniel, Liza R. Valdez, Erika Cantu, Flora Bocanegra, Jessica Rubio, Vanessa Garcia, Jose G. Hernandez, Baltazar R, Vichareli, Fabian Castillo, Cesar Castro, Francisco Vera, Kristina Valenciano, Veronica Guzman, Norma Cortez, David Morales, Melinda Lee Downie, Celinda Sarabria, Ana M. Vargas, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Melissa Dominguez, Araceli Sandoval, Margaret Gonzalez, Gloria Sanchez, Tim Fairhead, Tyson Jex, Melinda Garza Elizondo, Martha Laura Medina, Yelitza Howard.

Executive Board: Michael Gonzalez, Yelitza Howard, Gloria Sanchez, Karla Gutierrez, Vanessa Almaraz, Martha Laura Medina, and Cihtlalli Perez.

I. Welcome

Michael Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

II. Minutes (Review and Approval)

Minutes approved by Tim Fairhead and seconded by Melissa Dominguez.

III. Treasurer's Report

\$2,135.00

IV. Presentation- Yoel De Angel of US Customs – Challenges of Intercepting Narcotics

A video based on what personnel from the US Customs do on the border was presented. There are several ways for them to find the different types of narcotics, the use of canines and new devices that can scan through vehicles. One of the main narcotics they find are meth. Meth is now in liquid form as well and also comes in products that look like Mexican candies. As new narcotics start to be found, the canines need to be retrained to know the new smells. As smuggling increases, so do the ways of smuggling narcotics into the country. Ways of smuggling include covering the smell with coffee and detergent.

Reasons for smuggling are usually to gain financially and people have gotten arrested for the bad choice that they have made. Vehicles can be tracked through GPS devices and most of the time women who use children as decoys. While there could be several people in the vehicle, the driver is considered the smuggler.

There was also a presentation of the canine Bran who demonstrated how the canines identify the narcotics in travel bags.

V. TAMIU News

- a. Mr. and Ms. TAMIU – Tabata Rodriguez and Donato Benitez
- b. Bowl-a-thon, Will be March 8th with registration beginning at 5:30 and games starting at 6pm. Registration can be done on the TAMIU Staff Senate website going to the Events folder. Registration includes teams of 5 for \$125. There will be door prizes, and 20 lanes will be provided for a Spring Break theme. There will be trophies and plaques awarded to best bowler (male and female), best spirited group, best dressed group, and worst bowlers. Registration will need team name, captain name and names of players. Payment can be also made through cash and check at the TAMIU Bursar's Office ZSC137. Flyers have also been sent out to recruit for sponsors. For more information please contact Yelitza Howard at 956-326-4483.
- c. Book Scholarship Recipients – Congratulations to Stephanie Martinez, Vanessa Garcia, Janet Haverkamp, and Melinda Lee Downie.

VI. Professional Development – Vanessa Almaraz, Spring Break Family Trips

Provided a video about how families can have safe spring break trips going out of town nationally, internationally or having a staycation. Safety tips include cautious driving with children and money handling dealing with cash vs. credit.

VII. Open Floor

Melissa Dominguez – There is a glitch on Workday for tutor evaluations. Evaluations will need to be done by paper and are due by April 30th. On March 7th there will be extra Workday session if you were not able to attend previous sessions in Cowart 112.

Yelitza Howard – On April 3rd TAMIU will host the annual Celebration of Life in honor of TAMIU alumni, students, and faculty and staff who have passed on. Ceremony will be held in the FPA Recital Hall.

Yelitza Howard - On March 22nd, there will be a representative on campus to order the school ring. In order to receive the class ring, you must be a graduate of TAMIU or have at least 75 hours earned. Employees receive 30% off their order.

Melinda Lee Downie – The College of Education website has been updated to reflect information regarding registration.

Tim Fairhead – There will be doubleheader games with the Women's Softball team on March 10th at 12pm and 2pm against St. Mary's University. Every Saturday games are dollar hot dog days. On March 9th, it will be Hawaiian Day during the Men's Baseball game against Lubbock Christian. If interested in Athletic Promotions Meetings, they are every Tuesday at 2pm.

Cihlalli Perez – On April 17th will be the Service Learning Expo and to look out for an email from Staff Senate with more information and to ask for volunteers.

Kristina Valenciano – The deadline to reserve your spot for Discover TAMIU is tomorrow, March 7th. To reserve your spot, please email Stephanie Martinez in Student Success.

Vanessa Garcia and Jessica Rubio – On March 7th in the Ballroom, the next International Bank of Commerce Keynote Speaker series will be held in the Student Center Ballroom with speaker Raymond Robertson, Ph.D. discussing Better Neighbors: Toward a Renewal of Economic integration in Latin America. Event will begin at 7:30pm.

Michael Gonzalez – There will be a SBDC Mobile event on Thursday, March 8th with registration online at sbdctamiau.edu. Food trucks of the City Health Department and Police Department will be there with their food trucks.

Michael Gonzalez – SBDC will host International Women’s Day on March 8th with speakers from Spain. Three speakers from Spain will be on campus to present how their company was able to meet the 50/50 gender pay equality initiative before the deadline of 2030. There will also be a panel discussion and reception at the Helen Watson Gallery.

VIII. Door Prizes

Ana Vargas, Liza Valdez, Melissa Dominguez, Cesar Castro, Jessica Rubio, Fabian Castillo, Janet Haverkamp, Vanessa Garcia, Flora Bocanegra, Margaret Gonzalez, Tim Fairhead, Melinda Elizondo, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Michelle Daniel.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am. Motioned by Yelitza Howard , Melinda Lee Downie seconded.